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SUBJECT: TENNECO FOUR

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1. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US AT PRESENT THAT ICRC MISSION TO INVESTIGATE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF REMAINING TENNECO HOSTAGES WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE. WEDERFORT'S REPORT INDICATES THAT CAPTIVES ARE IN "EXCELLENT HEALTH", ARE "TREATED WITH CONSIDERATION AND GOOD CARE", ARE "RELATIVELY FREE TO MOVE ABOUT", AND "HAVE EASY AND GOOD RAPPORT WITH ELF CUSTODIANS". AS FOR POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY ROLE FOR MISSION, THERE SEEMS NO NEED ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH ELF WHEN PRESENT CHANNEL APPEARS TO BE WORKING QUITE SATISFACTORILY.

2. THERE WOULD BE SOME DISADVANTAGES IN SENDING IN ICRC MISSION. GETTING MISSION TO CAPTIVES' LOCATION MAY PROVE COMPLICATED OPERATION INVOLVING CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATION WITH ELF, WHICH LIKELY BE SUSPICIOUS REGARDING PROFESSED PURPOSE OF VISIT.

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MOREOVER, SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS WITH IEG BE GOING BADLY AT TIME OF

MISSION'S VISIT, ELF MIGHT BE TEMPTED ADD TO HOSTAGE GROUP.

3. SITUATION COULD OF COURSE CHANGE IN NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS
AND ICRC MISSION MIGHT THEN PLAY MORE USEFUL ROLE THAN IS AT
PRESENT APPARENT.

4. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR REYNOLDS AGREES WITH ABOVE OBSERVATIONS.
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